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Warriors Earn 1st Track Win

Wakefield won its first varsity track meet in the school's brief history Saturday afternoon when the Warriors trounced a visiting St. Albans team 75½ to 37½ in a dual meet.

Coach Buddy Stein's youngsters grabbed eight of thirteen first places while breaking five school records in an afternoon that saw three other stadium records fall.

Joe Grammer broke Charlie Chalkley's old record of 55.2 in the 440 by running the distance in 55.1. Dave Cutcomb broke his own school record of 16.6 in the high hurdles by hopping the distance in 16.1. Wakefield's mile relay team of Jim Redd, Dave Betts, Tom Perkins and Dave Cutcomb broke the old school record of 3:55 with a 3:46.8 performance.

George Middleton upset John Gibson's old record of 5 feet 6 inches in the high jump by clearing the height in 5 feet 8 inches.

Frank Snay bettered Joe Stern's old record of 9 feet 3 inches in the pole vault by clearing the distance of 9 feet 4 and one-half inches.

Stadium records that fell included Alex Lagaudouka's heave of 44 feet 4 inches in the shot put which bettered Wakefield's old mark of 43 feet 7 inches held by Al Lederle, and Washington-Lee's Art Eberdt's old mark of 127 feet 7 inches in the discus was beaten by St. Albans' Chris Provenson with a flip of 136 feet 1 inch.

Wakefield jumped ahead at the outset of the afternoon's activities by sweeping the first event, the high hurdles, as Cutcomb was followed by teammates Bill Johnson and Bob Jacobs.

Bob Morris of St. Albans finished first in the 880 with a 2:09.3 clocking, but Dick Reynolds of Wakefield was just one-fifth of a second behind him with a timing of 2:09.5. Wakefield's Jim McGlathery was third.

Wakefield whitewashed St. Albans in the low hurdles as well when Cutcomb, who was top-scorer with a total of 11¼ points, broke the tape in 21.9, followed by teammates Bill Johnson and Bob Jacobs.

Charlie Chalkley won the 220 for Wakefield in 24.1 seconds, followed by Warrior Wayne Smith, but St. Albans' George Killinger placed third.

Scott McKinney won the 100 yard dash for Wakefield, tying his own stadium record of 10.3, while teammate Charlie Chalkley finished second, St. Albans' George Killinger was third.

St. Albans' Mike Bisselle won the mile race in 4:59.9 with George Cochran and Wayne Wilson, both of Wakefield, placing behind him.

Joe Grammer of Wakefield won the 440 in 55.1 seconds, followed by teammate Jim Redd and St. Albans' Roy Adams.

Chris Provenson's heave of 136 feet 1 inch won the discus event for St. Albans, with teammate Chuck Bernard coming in second and Wakefield's Dick Stamp placing third.

Frank Snay's clearance of 9 feet

4½ inches won the pole vault for Wakefield while Dick Lang and Jack Slover, both of St. Albans, finished in a deadlock with the Warriors' Phil Brumbaugh for second place.

George Middle of Wakefield was first in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet 8 inches, with St. Albans' Dick Lang and Wakefield's Wayne Smith placing behind him.

Chris Provenson won the broad jump for St. Albans with a distance of 19 feet 3½ inches, with Wakefield's Bob Jacobs and Scott McKinney placing behind him.

Alex Lagaudoukas' heave of 44 feet 4 inches won the shot put event for St. Albans, with Wakefield's Al Lederle placing second. Bill Johnson and Dick Stamp, both of Wakefield, tied for third place.

Wakefield polished off its lopsided victory by winning the Mile Relay in 3:46.8 with Jim Redd, Dave Betts, Tom Perkins and Dave Cutcomb carrying the Wakefield colors.